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SUBJECT: JAPANESE NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO GUYANA URGES
REGIONAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT FOR CARIBBEAN

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1. IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS DURING GEORGETOWN VISIT,
JAPAN'S NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR, SHINICHI SUGIHARA,
WARNED THAT "A DANGEROUS SITUATION" COULD ARISE, UNLESS A
MUTUAL FISHING PACT WERE WORKED OUT BETWEEN NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES IN THE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA (PRESUMABLY
COUNTRIES BORDERING ON THE CARIBBEAN). LOCAL PRESS
REPORTED THAT THESE COMMENTS WERE MADE IN RESPONSE TO
CHARGES BY BARBADOS FOREIGN MINISTER HENRY FORDE THAT JAPAN
WAS HARVESTING LARGE AMOUNTS OF FISH FROM CARIBBEAN WATERS,
WHILE GIVING ONLY MINIMAL ASSISTANCE IN RETURN. SUGIHARA
POINTED TO THE ASSISTANCE THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO GUYANA
IN DEVELOPING ITS FISHERIES AND FISH PORT COMPLEX.
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HE ADDED THAT JAPAN HAS DONATED TWO TRAINING VESSELS TO
SURINAM TO HELP DEVELOP ITS FISHING INDUSTRY AND THAT
TECHNICIANS HAD BEEN SENT TO THAT COUNTRY TO IMPROVE
ITS DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICES.
BEFORE LEAVING FOR PARAMARIBO, HE ANNOUNCED THAT TWO
"TECHNICAL EXPERTS/ WOULD BE COMING TO GUYANA AT THE
END OF JANUARY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RESPONSE TO A GOG REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.

2. THE CHAIRMAN OF GUYANA FOOD PROCESSORS, FRED PETERKIN,
A GUYANESE CITIZEN WHO IS ALSO THE JAPANESE HONORARY
CONSUL, TOLD EMBOFFS THAT HE IS PROPOSING TO THE GOG
THAT IT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN FORMING A MULTI-NATIONAL
COMMISSION TO DISCUSS AND DEVELOP A REGIONAL AGREEMENT
FOR THE FISHERY OF THE CARIBBEAN, THE GUIANAS, AND
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